

REMARKS

Claims 175 and 202 have been amended above to more particularly point out and distinctly claim Applicants' invention. Support for the amendments to these claims, which are directed to correcting inadvertent typographical errors, can be found in, for example, Claim 48 and the Summary section of the application.

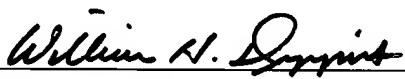
In response to the Examiner's request for election of species, Applicants elect Group I, embodiment 1, i.e., modifying a characteristic of pulsatile blood flow; Group II, embodiment 5, i.e., increasing contractility; and Group III, embodiment 8, i.e., applying electrodes endocardially, with traverse. Applicants submit that all the embodiments are sufficiently closely related that searching and consideration will be substantially coextensive.

It is believed that Claims 1-15, 50-64, 151, 155, 161-164, 166-168, and 172-177 read on the elected species.

Reconsideration and allowance of all the claims herein are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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